NEW LAWS RECOMMENDED.

for Sewage Disposal—The High License System Again Urged-An Appropriation ked for a New District Building.

The District Commissioners today submitted to the President for transmission to Congress the report of their official doings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891. The report gives a summary of the operations of the various deartments of the District government, as set forth in the annual reports of the heads of those departments, heretofore published in THE

A summary is given of the report of the aulitor, printed in detail elsewhere, showing that the receipts of the District for the year, taxes of all kinds, amounted to \$2,569,205.78, which, together with unexpended balances and the amount credited to the revenues of the District on account of 48-inch and 14th street water mains transferred to the water fund, brought the figures representing the revenues of the District up to \$3,034,727.07. The appropriations for the year amounted to \$5,830,032.87, the 50 per cent paid from the treasury of the United States being \$2,919,516.43. The balance in the treasury June 30, 1891, available for ap-propriation, was \$112,210.64.

WHAT THE DISTRICT OWES. amount of the bonded debt of, the Disrict June 30, 1891, was \$19,500,300. The only loating indebtedness of the District consists of unts unsettled, because they are not covared by antecedent appropriations. It is very small in amount and consists principally of judgments of the courts rendered subsequent to the passage of the current annual appropriation law and of the obligations incurred to meet minor emergencies. The District on June 30, 1891, owed the United States \$831,501.87, on account of the advances for the constructing of the water supply tunnel and appurtenances, and \$295,312.69 on account of advances for forty-eight-inch water main and 14th street water main and connections. The first is payable in nineteen and the latter in twenty-five equal annual installments, with interest at 3 per cent ered by antecedent appropriations. It is very annual installments, with interest at 3 per cent

ASSESSMENTS AND TAX COLLECTIONS. The Commissioners urge the repeal of the provision of the law now requiring the assessor to furnish the collector with a duplicate of the general assessments on the first day of November each year, stating that the requirement is an infeasible one with the present clerical force, and even if it could be readily met, would be of no practicable service. The assessor, they say, should be required to make out all tax bills. The act of February 6, 1879, requiring the collector to make out certificates as to the condition of the tax accounts of property, should also, they urge, be amended so as to transfer that duty to the assessor, who is in charge of the records containing the data upon which such certificates are based. It is urged that authority be given for the reassessment of the taxes and assessments rendered uncollectible many complaints which were sent to the health in the proposition of the people, was a source of emborated the health officer to employ teams and men, to act under the supervision of a number of inspectors, who succeeded in removing the accumulations of garbage and for the removal of garbage and for the removal of garbage and for the removal of dead animals from the District of Columbia that he could no longer attempt to execute his contract, which, by its terms, was not to expire until the 30th day of June, 1892. This action of the contractor, occurring at a period of the year when the accumulations of the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, was a source of emborated the health of the people, wa such certificates are based. It is urged that authority be given for the reassessment of the taxes and assessments rendered uncollectible under various rulings of the court because of technical errors, and which rulings cause a considerable direct loss of revenue, encouraging taxpayers to be dilatory, by holding out the hope that they may ulti-mately evade contributing their just show to ers are not yet able to express any view as to the probable outcome of the general triennial asappointed under the District appropriation act of March 3, 1891, but, they say, from the high personal and business reputation of the gentlemen charged with that duty, they anticipate a result much more equitable and satisfactory than the present assessment. The Commissioners approve the assessors' suggestions regarding the revision of the license tax law and that the revision of the licenses, and essays that provision be made for this important sary that provision be made for the remainder

censes submitted by the Commissioners at the first session of the Fifty-first Congress and not acted on would, the Commissioners think, effect a great improvement on the present law on the subject, both with respect to increase of revenue and to the better regulation and surveillance of the business. The Commissioners repeat what was said in the last annual report in favor of the "high license system," which the two bills referred to were designed to establish, and add: "Within the past year there have been some terrible examples of the baneful effects of the overrun of alcoholic drinks in the District. We are still hearing of the good results of the high license system elsewhere, and are the more anxious to have its benefits in the District."

The suggestion of the assessor regarding legislation to regulate the insurance business is approved, and the report says the Commissioners will submit to Congress at its present session drafts of bills embodying their views as to the necessary correctional legislation.

able to report the continued prosperity of the the population of the whole country increased something more than 24 per cent; the increase in the growth of the District during the same time was a little more than 29 per cent, whereas the increase in the attendance on the public

the increase in the attendance on the public schools of the District for the same period was a little more than 39 per cent.

The growth of the schools during the past year was a little less than 5 per cent, showing, as the Commissioners believe, the continuance of a healthy progress of the schools as well as of the confidence of our people in their usefulness and efficiency. ness and efficiency.

We are educating at public cost about 40,000 children in the day schools and are giving instruction in the night schools to about 2,500

free to the pupils of lower grades of school is being tried the current school year. This ex-periment will be guarded with care and watched with great interest. The Commissioners have given their indorsement to the move ment by making estimates to continue free books where they have been placed and for ex-tending the experiment to higher grades as to

THE ARMY AND NAVY CLAUSE. In speaking of the police department the Commissioners second what Maj. Moore said respecting the limit put upon the source of

supply for the force by what is known as the army and navy clause, and say: "This law was intended to benefit the survivors of the Federal army in the late civil war, but it has long ceased to have any such effect. Physical strength and activity are so indispensa-ble as qualifications for the force that the regulations have for many years prescribed the age of thirty-eight years as the maximum for applicants for appointment upon the force. The applicant who is appointed at that age could have have been only taken only taken of

whom enlist with the sole purpose of receiving an honorable discharge to make them eligible

an honorable discharge to make them eligible for policemen. The Commissioners reiterate the recommendations made by them and their predecessors that the law be repealed."

Respecting the telegraph and telephone service the Commissioners refer to a recent accident due to the fall of a telegraph pole and the dangerous condition of many other poles of the various electric systems in the District in which wooden poles are used, as emphasizing the importance of placing all wires so supported under ground.

the last sunual report respecting a new municipal building, reciting the fact that in 1871 Congress, recognizing the inadequacy of the old city hall for the accommodation both of the courts and the municipal offices, appropriated \$75,000 to purchase the interest of the District in this building, restricting the use of the money so paid to the erection of a separate District building. This money, which, the Commissioners say, was drawn by the treasurer of the board of public works, but was not orpended for the specific purpose for which the appropriation was made, if now treated as a portion of the revenues of the District would,

The design herewith transmitted shows an in view was introduced in Congress last session but no action on it was taken by that body. edifice of fine appearance to cost within \$500,-000 and large enough to accommodate all the branches of the District government now lo-cated either at headquarters or in rented build-NEW BRIDGES.

In regard to street cleaning the Commission rs say: The street sweeping and cleaning is not being performed as efficiently as the amount

appropriated therefor will permit. The Commissioners have asked for increased appropriations on this account for the next fiscal year and hope for a liberal consideration thereof by Congress in order that the reputation of the District for clean streets may be maintained. District for clean streets may be maintained. Since our last report a portion of this service has been improved by the introduction of a system of constant collecting by hand shovels during the business hours of the day all bulky deposits on the carriageway of Pennsylvania avenue. The results of this system have met the unqualified approbation of the citizens generally, of the officers of this municipality and of the people who occupy the buildings along the thoroughfare thus cleaned. The cost of cleaning the street on this method is but slightly greater than that of sweeping by machines, while the results are far more satisfactory.

The Commissioners hope to extend this handcleaning system to other business streets and city thoroughfares upon which there is an ex-ceptionally large amount of travel.

THE GARBAGE SERVICE. The Commissioners set forth the situation respecting the removal of garbage and dead animals as follows:

many complaints which were sent to the health

office.
On the 6th of September, 1891, the Commisbecause of technical errors, and which rulings cause a considerable direct loss of revenue, encouraging taxpayers to be dilatory, by holding out the hope that they may ultimately evade contributing their just share to the support of the government. The Commissioners approve the recommendation of the assessor that a law be passed prescribing that no deed be recorded by the recorder of deeds unless it is accompanied by a certificate of the surveyor that the property is properly described in the conveyance. The Commissioners approve the recorder of deeds unless it is accompanied by a certificate of the surveyor that the property is properly described in the conveyance. The Commissioners are the day only one bid was presented, which was for the sum of \$54,200. This bid, being largely in express of the appropriation, could not be accepted, and the daily service has been continued. Necessarily this daily service has been more expensive than would be like service enot yet able to express any view as to cobable outcome of the general triennial astent now in progress by the three assessors attention to all of its details and used extraordinary efforts to conduct the business with econ-

looking to the erection of a permanent flower market, and says: "We have thought of the little square lying between Pennsylvania avenue and Louisiana avenue and bounded on the east by 9th street. The proximity of this parcel of ground to the Center Market and two leading street railways would be very convenient. The propriety of massing the flower stands apart from the fish and meat stands is apparent. While the flowers appeal chiefly to the sentiments by their beauty they have come to hold a large part in the home commerce of many of our large cities, and in none proportionally more than in our own capital city. At an estimated cost of about \$20,000 we are of an estimated cost of about \$20,000 we are of opinion that a net revenue to the District of not less than 6 per cent could be expected. The building should be owned and controlled by the District. We recommend the proper appropriation for the purpose on the site referred to."

The Commissioners renew their former recommendations that a law be enacted to prohibit the pursuit of ordinary secular occuprombit the pursuit of ordinary secular occu-pations on Sunday, saying: "We believe such a law to be in the interest of public morality, health and comfort, and hope that the desired legislation on the subject will be effected."

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THE BATHING BEACH.

As to the bathing beach, from which, owing to delay in the work, the public derived little advantage during the past season, the report says: "Enough experience was obtained to justify the Commissioners in regarding this as a source of comfort, enjoyment and useful instruction to a large element of our population and the struction to a large element of our population.

They express an earnest hope that Congress does not remember the circumstances, but has since learned that she was carried away by a roving band of people to whom she had been given. Brought to Kentucky from her Missouri home, she was reared an a farm one mile from Fordsville, Ohio county.

Not far distant lived Elijah Crow, six years her senior. More than a year ago an attachment sprang up between them. They wanted to wed, but there were objections and the young couple were compelled to meet in secret. Last June they decided to marry at all risks and plans were made to that effect.

One little mistake in the plan is what sent advantage during the past season, the report says: "Enough experience was obtained to justify the Commissioners in regarding this as a source of comfort, enjoyment and useful instruction to a large element of our population and in recommending that it should not only be continued, but elaborated and enlarged."

STREET PAVEMENTS.

The pavements laid during the past year, the The pavements laid during the past year, the report says, were of granite block, asphalt on bituminous base and on hydraulic base, and asphalt block. The practice of laying asphalt sheet pavements on old cobble foundation has been pursued wherever occasion offered, and has resulted in well-wearing roadways and a considerable reduction of expense. The sheet asphalt pavement laid on an old macadamized roadway of the city, which was mentioned in last year's report, keeps in good condition and promises to wear weil.

No changes have been made in the methods of grading and regulating. The roadways, as

possible, of the older subdivisions and the ex-tension to the District line of the avenues and such principal streets as 16th, North Capitol and East Capitol streets. A bill with this end

It is recommended that a new bridge be built across Rock creek along the line of Massachusetts avenue extended and one to replace the old bridge across the Eastern branch known as

the Anacostia bridge.

It is urged that the surveyor's office be made a salaried one, and that adequate appropriations be made for the care of the invaluable records now in that office.

RAILROADS. As to steam railroads the report has this to say: "The steam railroad problem has not yet been solved, and the Commissioners renew their recommendation for legislation to obviate the troubles both to the people and to the rail-road companies themselves. Many bills have been proposed, and many reports made to the Commissioners on this subject, and it is hoped that early legislation may be had."

Regarding street railways the Commissioners

say: "During the past year the street railways of "During the past year the street railways of the city have made rapid progress in changing from the old rail to the improved grooved rail.

The Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company is changing its Pennsylvania avenue and 14th street lines from horse power to cable, the new tracks being paved with sheet asphalt. This greatly improves the appearance of these two highways and also makes it better for vehicles. The tearing up of the streets incident to these improvements has caused considerable inconvenience, but the end promises to justify the means in enabling the railroad companies the means in enabling the railroad companies to furnish increased facilities and comfort of travel and in bettering the condition of 14th

The Commissioners urge legislation giving them the powers of the mayor of the late cor-poration of the city of Washington with respect to proceedings for the condemnation of ground for the purpose of opening allows in the city, which powers, the Supreme Court of the Dis-trict has decided, the Commissioners did not inherit. They ask also that proceedings of this nature already taken by them and their prede-cessors since the revocation of the charter of the corporation be ratified.

The Commissioners renew their recommenda-

tions for the construction of a tunnel in the valley of Rock Creek between Lyon's mill and valley of Rock Creek between Lyon's mill and Pennsylvania avenue, and the filling in of the low portions of the grounds between the cities of Washington and Georgetown. Early action is urged on the recommendations of the board of electrical experts convened by act of Congress to consider the subject of putting electric wires underground. They urge also, in accordance with Capt. Rossell's recommendation, that they be given authority to make regulations respecting the width of tires of vehicles. tions respecting the width of tires of vehicles, as it is believed that an unnecessary amount of abrasion of the surface of the asphalt pavements is caused by the narrowness of tires. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Speaking of the subject of sewage disposal which was treated at some length in Capt. Lusk's report, printed in Saturday's STAR, the Commissioners say: The Commissioners feel it their duty to invite especial attention to the necessity for entering promptly upon the construction of an adequate system of sewage disposal. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that much valuable property in the low grounds of the city is constantly threatened with inundation from the river, while local flooding is likely to occur in the same region the sewer canals are fast developing into nuisances, and the Anacostia river itself must, in a short time, show evidences of pollution

several years the Commissioners believe that the exercise of a wise forethought requires the necessary funds to be provided without delay by the issuance of bonds, or by a loan from the United States, repayable in annual installments, with interest. The estimated cost is \$4,000,000. It is believed that life, property and the public health alike demand prompt action in this mat-

Capt. Lusk's recommendation for the estab-lishment of a new high-service water system to serve the portions of the District lying outside of Washington are strongly urged. Much of the suburban area, the report says, will be greatly retarded in its development unless it can be assured of a sufficient water supply. The Commissioners have, therefore, included in their estimates for 1893 an item looking toward

earliest possible opportunity for lighting the streets all of every night without depending upon the uncertainties of predicted moonlight.

Ixteen-Year-Old Josle Roach, Who Elope

on a Stolen Horse, Pardoned. A pathetic scene was witnessed at the big fort, Ky., yesterday morning. Josie Roach, a cated that she was a convict, sentenced to serve rime of which an Ohio county jury had found

her guilty on Saturday morning.

The girl was not alone in her misfortune, for with her was Elijah Crow, who is to serve two years for the same offence. The cases are identical, in that both girl and boy stole the same horse. There is an unusual story of romance connected with the youthful convicts. When a mere baby Josie was taken ruthlessly from her home and left among strangers. She does not remember the circumstances, but has given because that the same convicts.

plans were made to that effect.

One little mistake in the plan is what sent them to the penitentiary. The day of the elopement arrived. They started on foot to the depot at Fordsville, but the train had gone five minutes before they arrived. A serious question confronted them. Crow told the girl that he must go to Spring Lick in Grayson county by all means, and he guided her to an old saw mill two miles from Fordsville. Here he told her to wait until his return. In an hour he was lifted up behind him and they continued their journey toward Spring Lick. After their

· Sunday Drink Clubs in Baltimore.

Dozens of so-called social clubs have been organized in Baltimore to enable the thirsty to missioners will ask the legislature to amend the high license law by requiring clubs to take out license the same as the hotels and then Under the head "extension of streets and avenues" the Commissioners say: The Commissioners have been placed during the year in an awkward position with regard to new subdivisions,

SERVICE TO THE NAVY-CHANGES IN OFFICIAL

DESIGNATIONS AND HOW PROMOTIONS SHOULD Secretary Tracy, in his annual report, points to the recent armor trials at Indian Head, Md., as demonstrating the superiority of American armor over that of European manufacture. He concludes that the trial shows that the

armor ever subjected to a ballistic test. He gives a summary of the state of the work at the work at the extra charge. Address 807 6th st. n.w. an officer of the torpedo station. With the success of the Washington foundry in mind the Secretary urges the establishment of an ordnance factory on the Pacific coast, to be under the joint control of the War and Navy

THE VALPARAISO BIOT. The Secretary reviews the Chilean troubles and concludes that in the street riot in Valparaiso the American sailors were orderly and were attacked mainly on account of their nationality. Admiral Brown's latest report is SPENCERIAN COLLEGE, SCHOOL OF SHORT-given in full. Considerable space is devoted to a considera-

Considerable space is devoted to a consideration of the needs of the country for a further increase of the navy. The Secretary discusses the question of the likelihood of war and the preliminary steps that should be taken to meet emergencies. He points to the Itata case again as a note of warning, and thus he goes on to recommend certain increases in the navy. He notes that the estimates for the increase of the navy for the coming year amount to \$12,300,000, a decrease of \$5,300,000 from the current appropriations, and states that a much current appropriations, and states that a much larger reduction will take place in the follow-ing year, which will substantially complete all the work in progress under existing authori-

He urges that authority be given by Congress He urges that authority be given by Congress this session to build two vessels of the Indiana class, which he praises as the highest development of the day. He also asks for permission to build a large armored cruiser similar to the recently launched New York. He recommends the construction of a torpedo cruiser under an increased limit of cost. For river service on the Asiatic station he wants a small vessel of about 1,200 tons, a speed of seventeen knots and a draft of nine feet, to cost \$400,000. PROMOTIONS IN THE NAVY.

Reviewing the report of the Phythian stagnation board the Secretary recommends, in place of the complex system urged by that body, the adoption of the system of promotion in vogue in the army, and he urges that the designations of the grades of rear admiral and commodore be changed to vice admiral and rear admiral. be changed to vice admiral and rear admiral, with no change in numbers, pay and relative rank. The number of captains should be fixed at sixty, as recommended by the beard. Under the army system the President should be authorized to select from the grade of captains the officer who, in his judgment, is best fitted for the grade above, the same rule to hold good in promotions from commodore to rear admiral.

For enlisted men the Secretary recommends For enlisted men the Secretary recommends that for emergencies the four-year term should be adopted. He notes that there is now organized an effective naval militia force of over 1,100 men distributed among six states. An estimate of \$25,000 for continuing the arming of the militia is submitted with the hope that it may be increased. may be increased.

Among the minor recommendations are the

to the jurisdiction of courts-martial for other offenses than hazing; that power be extended to naval courts to compel the attendance of civilian witnesses, and—as in former reports— the transfer of the revenue marine service to THE NAVAL OBSERVATORY.

The report notes the failure of the contractors for the new naval observatory and indicates that arrangements are now being made, under the provisions of the contract, by which the early completion of that plant may be assured. The Secretary recommends legislation enabling the President to appoint a superintendent of the observatory from either within or outside the President to appoint a superintendent of the President to appoint a superintendent of the observatory from either within or outside the naval service, and he also urges the organic three the naval service, and he also urges the organic three the naval service, and he also urges the organic three three

TABLE OF ESTIMATES. The table of estimates shows a total of \$27,-194,639.80 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893. This is thus divided: General establish ment, \$7,597,000; bureau of yards and docks, \$1,188,453.42; bureau of navigation, \$339,438.65; bureau of equipment, \$1,034,225; bureau of ordnance, \$594,041.25; bureau of construction, \$1,019,972.50; bureau of steam engineering, \$763.105; bureau of provisions and clothing, \$1,232,692.03; bureau of medicine and surgery, \$125,000; marine corps, \$960,531.28; naval observatory, \$59,325.67, making a total for running expenses of \$14,913,784.80. The estimate

LOOKING ON DOM PEDRO'S FACE.

Viewed by the Parisians. The body of the late Dom Pedro was exposed in state to the public in Paris yesterday afternoon. A room in the Hotel Bedford was converted for the time being into a chapel. In the center on a modest catafaique lay the remains of Dom Pedro in the uniform of a Brazilian general, and decorated with the orders the Golden Fleece.

The face of the dead monarch wore a placid expression and showed little or no sign of the suffering he had endured in the last few days. Crowds of people of all classes thronged to look at the dead emperor, and many wept as they turned away. The funeral will take place on Thursday noon at the Church of the Madeline, where a requiem mass will be celebrated. It is said that efforts will be made to induce the Brazilian government to grant the wish of the former emperer, which he so frequently

of the former emperer, which he so frequently expressed, that he might be allowed to rest in Brazil. It is expected that the royal houses of Portugal and the imperial house of Austria will be represented at the funeral, as well as the deposed Naples bourbons.

For the present the remains will rest with those of Dom Pedro's Braganza ancestors, who those of Dom Fedro's Braganza ancestors, who are interred in Portugal's capital.

Cable dispatches from Rio Janeiro say that the news of the death of Dom Pedro met with no official recognition in the Brazilian capital. A number of merchants and shopkeepers in

Rio Janeiro closed their places of business for the day out of respect for the ex-emperor, but otherwise the death of the former ruler of

kind.

The King of Portugal, in a telegram of condolence to the Countess d'Eu (Princess Isabella), the daughter of Dom Pedro, offers the use of the vault of the Braganza family for the buriel of the ex-emperor.

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Dom Pedro was fully possessed of his mental faculties till the end. During Friday forenoon, being conscious that he was nearing death, he had mass celebrated in his bed room. The Countess d'Eu, Prince Ernest of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and all the other members of the dying man's household attended the service, which Dom Pedro himself was able to follow and at which he received the communion.

edly exhorted his heir, the Princess Isabella, to pray with him for the peace and prosperity of Brazil. Soon after the Abbe Rabours had administered the last sacrament Dom Pedro went into a comatose condition. He passed quietly away. His body has been embalmed.

Dom Pedro's family have received many calls of condolence. Among those who have called and inscribed their names in the visitors' book are Premier de Freycinet and a host of other notables. The King of Portugal has ordered that royal honors be paid to the remains unless the Duke and Duchess d'Eu insist that any political attitude is likely to offend the govern-

Florence St. John's Divorce Suit.

The suit of Florence St. John, the comic opera singer, for divorce from Mr. Marius was begun in London Saturday morning. Miss St. John's suit is a counter action brought to offset a similar suit against her by Marius. He alleges that his wife has had improper relations with Arthur Cohen, subeditor of the Figure Archys. Marius seeks no money damages against Cohen, but only to be rid of his marriage ties.

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